

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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TOP SECRET~~

1. Soviet Space Vehicles

Both vehicles, Vostok III and IV, appear to be still in orbit and the likelihood now is that there will be no attempt to recover either before tomorrow morning, at the earliest. There were, however, indications (e.g., a flight ban in the probable recovery area) that the Soviets were ready, if necessary, to de-orbit Vostok III at the end of its 49th orbit at about 0500 this morning, Washington time.

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2. Haiti

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their best judgment is that the immediate crisis has subsided and that they can breathe somewhat more easily.

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3. Congo

Adoula says that he regrets having to break step with the West in his moves against Katanga but that he had to face his own political imperatives at home. There are indications that the central government may next try to oust Tshombé's forces from the pocket that they have been maintaining at Kongolo in northern Katanga.

4. East Germany

The East German regime has added meat to the list of foodstuffs on which it has established purchase controls. The system in effect, which was earlier applied to butter and potatoes, is not full-scale rationing, but the party and security apparatuses are keeping a watchful eye on the reaction of a population which seems to be expecting even tighter restrictions. The public's uncertainty is making it easy prey to rumors of strikes and threats of strikes at East German industrial installations, which

are getting a lively circulation.

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NOTES

A. The Dutch, in a communique issued in Hollandia last night, allege that several hundred Indonesian paratroops were dropped into West New Guinea yesterday. We cannot testify to the accuracy of the figure, but there are reflections [redacted] that a number of transports, which may have been used in the operation, were on the move yesterday. [redacted]

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B. The Argentine military seem to be settling down but the reverberations of the crisis are now hitting President Guido's cabinet. The Defense and Interior ministers have offered their resignations and there are press reports that others will follow.

C. Ecuador's rightist parties, who won control of the Chamber of Deputies when it convened late last week, have set out to engineer the removal of Vice President Varea. With their own man in Varea's seat, the stage would be set for a move to oust President Arosemena.

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E. [redacted]
Brazilian Foreign Minister Arinos tried to enlist U Thant's support for the idea that political strings could be eliminated from US aid programs, such as the Alliance for Progress, if they were funneled through the UN's multi-lateral channels. U Thant [redacted] said [redacted] that aid had been linked to political aims since the time of the Greeks and he thought it would remain that way indefinitely.

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